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FINNS INVADE RUSSIA AFTER RUSSIAN RAIDS

Finns Take Initiative After Number of Their Towns Are Bombed

RAILWAY IS OBJECTIVE

Is Connecting Link Between Russian Supply Depots and Bleak Arctic

HELSINKI, Dec. 26.—(INS)—A Finnish invasion of Russian territory was claimed officially today following a series of Christmas Eve bombing raids in which some 400 Russian planes attacked cities, towns and railway junctions.

With the apparent objective of cutting Russia's Leningrad-Murmansk railway—an important Soviet supply route—a Finnish force was fighting its way eastward on the Soviet side of the frontier opposite Lieksa north of Lake Ladoga, according to a military communiqué.

The Finnish troops were reported only about 70 miles west of the railway, a connecting link between Russian supply depots and the Soviet forces in the bleak Arctic.

Heavy fire by alert Finnish anti-aircraft batteries was believed to have broken the force of the Russian air raids, which failed to inflict extensive damage.

"Quints" Try New Skates, But With Little Success

CALLANDER, Ont., Dec. 26.—(INS)—Thoroughly rested from their busy round of activity on Christmas Day, the five Dionne quintuplets played with the toys Santa Claus brought them today while expectantly awaiting the gay New Year's day party at which they will play host to their parents and their brothers and sisters.

The five girls roused the nursery household at 5 o'clock Christmas morning as they awakened several hours ahead of schedule to see what Pere Noel had brought them.

They had a visit from Dr. Allan R. Dabee who had presented them with the five sets of skates which they tried out with not much success on their private skating pond.

Later, Papa and Mama Dionne and their seven brothers and sisters came for a brief visit. The Quints were joined by their brothers and sisters for a brisk romp in the snow.

Booz-Schafle Wedding Takes Place On Saturday

A Bristol Miss became the wife of an Edgely man, Saturday evening at seven o'clock, when Miss Nellie C. Schafle, 417 Washington street, was wed to Albert Booz.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew A. Schafle; and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Booz. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace James Laughlin, at his home in Croydon.

Attendants of the couple for the ceremony were Miss Mildred Booz, Edgely, sister of the groom; and John Schafle, brother of the bride.

The wedding party partook of a dinner in Trenton, N. J., after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Booz have taken up their residence in an apartment on Mill street.

Wheel Off Bristol Man's Car Blamed For Crash

GLENLOCH, Pa., Dec. 26.—(INS)—Quick action by a passing motorist was credited today with saving Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Hallman, of Boonton, N. J., from death in their burning automobile following a collision on Lincoln Highway near here.

The Hallman's car left the road and struck a pole after being hit by a wheel which rolled off a vehicle operated by Harry Stone, of Bristol. John J. Root, 26, of Norristown, stopped his car and pulled the couple from the wreckage shortly before the gasoline tank exploded.

135 Tots Have Jolly Party; Newport Fire Co. is Host

When Newport Fire Company, No. 1, played host at a Christmas party, Sunday afternoon, 135 girls and boys of Bensalem Township gathered in the fire station in that township for a jolly affair.

All children of Bensalem up to the age of 12 years were privileged to attend, and thoroughly enjoyed the program of games, the singing of songs, refreshments, and the visit of Santa Claus.

The volunteer firemen of the company had provided ice cream and cake which were much enjoyed, and each little guest was provided with a noise-maker, an apple, orange, and a half-pound box of candy.

The committee arranging the affair consisted of: Messrs. Leo Durnin, William Foster, Joseph Zurich, Winfield Hogarth, and Ronald Macauley.

TIDES AT BRISTOL

High water 2.10 a. m.; 2.39 p. m.
Low water 9.21 a. m.; 9.59 p. m.

William Walter Tendered Party On 16th Birthday

William Walter, son of Mrs. Rhoda Walter, 333 Monroe street, was tendered a party Saturday evening at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Florence Brown, 317 Garfield street, in honor of his 16th birthday anniversary. The party was arranged by his mother. Games and dancing were indulged in. Refreshments were served in the dining-room which was attractively decorated in the season's colors. In the center of the table were small reindeer and red and green candles. Favors were suds, and in each sled for the girls were two handkerchiefs. The boys received a tie clasp and a collar pin in the sleds.

Those present: Frances Tomlinson, Helen VanAken, Walter Wilson, Margaret Brownlee, Robert Petrik, William Brady, Helen Voit, John DeLong, Alfred Rogers, Jean Wilson, Keith Rosser, Jack Healey, Dorothy Foster, James Fry, Anna Fitzgerald Robert Montl.

HIGHWAY DEPT'TO KEEP ROADS OPEN

Preparations Being Made For Annual Battle With The Snow

MORE THAN 18,000 MILES

HARRISBURG, Dec. 26.—Pennsylvania's Department of Highways is "all set" for its annual battle with winter to keep more than 18,000 miles of road free of snow, I. Lamont Hughes, Secretary, said today. Already maintenance crews in some sections of the Commonwealth have had preliminary skirmishes with the elements but so far there has been no State-wide snow fall.

The Department has 1864 snow plows ready to go into action and in addition there are 507 power graders which are equipped with blades for clearing the highways. Scattered throughout the 11 engineering districts are 152 machines to be used in scattering cinders on dangerous sections of road.

For the first time the Highway Department this year will utilize the Motor Police teletype system for transmitting its report on road conditions during the winter season. In addition to expediting the receipt of this information from the field the change is expected to result in a reduction of the Department's telephone bill.

Secretary Hughes called to the attention of motorists that while the Department is committed to removing snow on 18,205 miles of road it is not responsible for this work in the cities. Borough streets that form parts of the State highway system on the snow removal program will be free of snow.

However, the situation is different so far as cities are concerned, the Secretary says. The General Assembly in making the Department responsible for the construction and maintenance of those sections of city streets that are continuations of State routes specifically exempted the Department from the obligation of snow removal. This prohibition on city snow removal holds for all classes of cities in the State, Secretary Hughes added.

Engineers in the field also are under instructions not to place chemically treated cinder on any concrete roads.

Break Into Auto And Steal Kiddies' Toys

Some mean thief certainly must not have had a merry Christmas yesterday if he stopped to think that he had made others unhappy when he robbed their automobile parked on Market street, here.

Not only did the thief steal groceries but he took children's toys such as express wagons and little toy trucks which were intended to make some kiddies happy yesterday.

The automobile belonged to Clifford J. Leedom, Hulmeville. The car was parked on Market street, between Radcliffe and Cedar streets and it was robbed, the owner states, sometime between nine and 11:30 o'clock.

A handle was broken off one of the doors and the glass broken with a stone. Then the groceries, express wagons and toys valued at about \$35 were taken.

A Merry Xmas Mix-Up

(By "The Stroller")
A Christmas gift, purchased by a Hulmeville woman for her son-in-law, and given by mistake to a Pollyanna friend at a party, eventually reached the one for whom it was intended.

It was a merry mix-up, but caused a few "jitters" for mother-in-law for a time. When her Pollyanna friend opened a package at a Christmas party, the recipient looked at a pair of men's pajamas in wonderment, and in an awed tone, not wishing to show any disappointment, said, "Why, this cost more than a quarter," having in mind the stipulated sum. With a light dawning, the giver leaped to her feet, exclaiming, "Why, that's George's Christmas present," and determined to his for home for the correct package.

LATEST NEWS

Received by International News Service Leased Wires.

Nine Lose Lives

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Nine persons lost their lives in eastern Pennsylvania highway accidents over the three-day week-end, and more than a score were injured, a survey showed today.

Among the victims were David Ohlinger, 42, of near Kutztown, and Walter B. Jones, 64, of Norristown. Ohlinger was killed by an automobile driven by Clayton U. Schaffer, Boyertown, as he walked along a highway.

Holiday Accidents

(By International News Service)
Violent death struck down at least 45 persons in Pennsylvania over the holiday week-end, the check-up by I. N. S. indicated today. Hundreds of other persons were injured in innumerable traffic accidents, fires and falls.

Streets, highways and automobiles brought about the biggest fatality toll, with early reports indicating that at least 29 persons met death in this manner.

Fires claimed five more lives, falls another four. Two murders were regarded and four suicides added to the ever-growing list.

Dies Report January 3rd

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Dies Committee will make a report to Congress on January 3, assailing Communist, Nazi and Fascist movements "as menaces to American democracy," but will recommend no important legislation, it was disclosed.

The Committee, in a tentative report, prepared by its staff and now being circulated to members, asserted that there is ample legislation in the lawbook to make possible prosecution of hundreds of persons engaged in subversive activity. The Committee report is expected to cite an indictment of Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in America, on false passport charges, and similar indictments against other Communist leaders, as example of what can be accomplished by the Department of Justice in a rigid law enforcement campaign.

TIME NOW FAVORABLE TO SMALL INDUSTRIES

Can Be Established in Penna. Under Most Favorable Conditions of Decade

CLAIMS SEC'Y BROWN

HARRISBURG, Dec. 26.—Small neighborhood industries can be established in Pennsylvania at the present time under the most favorable opportunities of a decade, Secretary of Commerce Richard P. Brown said today.

"Every major industry of today has small beginnings," Secretary Brown said. "Henry Ford began work in a wagon shed and developed one of the largest and best known industries on the globe. There are many other classic examples, and every industrial center in the State can point to large industrial plants which were developed locally from a modest start."

"America remains one of the few spots on the earth where individual initiative is free to flourish; and Pennsylvania, with its rich resources and skilled labor in the center of the best market of the continent, offers unparalleled advantages to aid in the founding and growth of new industries which can give permanent, peace-time employment to thousands of our citizens."

"A workshop in the back yard or in a garage can be established today with brighter prospects than have existed at any time in ten years. In fact, the international situation provides a ready-made opportunity for such industry."

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

There will be a business meeting of the Women of the Moose, Chapter No. 763, tonight at eight o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

GRASS FIRE

Bristol Consolidated firemen were called early last evening to aid in extinguishing a grass fire at Edgely.

TWO TO ABINGTON

Mrs. Anna Houser, Station avenue, Cornwells Heights, who suffered a fracture of the left arm and a fractured hip, was removed to Abington Hospital, Saturday, in the Rescue Squad ambulance. Mrs. Marie Ritterson, Jefferson avenue, West Bristol, was also taken to Abington Hospital, Saturday.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mrs. Allen Lebo, Jackson street, who was injured two weeks ago when the car in which she was riding collided with the fire chief's car, left the Wagner hospital, Saturday, she returning home in the ambulance of Bucks County Rescue Squad.

Here and There in Bucks County Towns

HULMEVILLE

Miss Erma Miller, Oak Lane, was a Christmas Day guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uweilan Miller, Middletown Township.

Sunday and Monday were passed by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Corrigan, Jr., and son Robert with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Corrigan, Sr., Philadelphia.

Sunday and Monday were enjoyed by Miss Lillian Goslin at home of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John German, Newtown.

Entertained at dinner on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. George Douglass and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Faust were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Landis, Fogelsville; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosenberry, Norristown. Dinner guests yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley, Providence, Md., were week-end and holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wesley Haefer. Mrs. Kelley is remaining for a week.

"HOLY NATIVITY" IS AN ENJOYABLE PAGEANT

Presented by Large Group of Players in Hulmeville Methodist Church

ON SUNDAY EVENING

HULMEVILLE, Dec. 26.—In appropriate settings, comprising six scenes, a Christmas pageant, "The Holy Nativity," was presented in Neshaminy Methodist Church, Sunday evening, with members of the church, the Sunday School, and the choir participating.

The prologue, "The Prophecy," was followed by "The Taxing at Bethlehem," "The Shepherds' Vision," "Adoration of the Shepherds," "The Story of the Wise Men," then the epilogue, "The Procession of Givers and Worshippers."

The Rev. and Mrs. M. Raymond Meredith, Miss Nellie E. Main, and Wallace Davis, outlined preparations and directed the cast.

The main cast of characters included: Mary, Mrs. Kenneth Kester; Joseph, Wallace Davis; shepherds, Stephen Sutton, Stephen Winder, John Waldron; Wise Men, Franklin Reader, Edwin Sampson, Robert McCarthy. In addition there was a company of travelers to Bethlehem, the Curtain Angels, a group of children, the Church School, and the choir.

Miss Clara L. Illick, chorister, was the pianist; with the Misses Kathryn Haik and Harriet Bunting as soloists. The reader was the pastor, the Rev. Meredith.

Former Resident To Be Buried Here Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock for the late Henry A. Clark, Audubon, N. J., at the funeral home at 250 White Horse Pike, Audubon, N. J., at one o'clock. Friends may call this evening.

Mr. Clark, who formerly conducted a restaurant at Bath and Otter streets died at his home Saturday.

Burial will be in the Bristol cemetery tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with a viewing in the cemetery chapel.

The deceased was a member of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 218, Mohawk Tribe of Red Men No. 320, Philadelphia; and Washington Camp, No. 789, P. O. S. of A., of Bristol. He was the husband of the late Minnie Clark.

THE GREAT GAME OF POLITICS

By FRANK R. KENT

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A Smear That Failed



Washington, Dec. 24. IT is pleasant to record that before Christmas arrived the attempt to make it appear that Mr. Herbert Hoover's leadership in the matter of aid for Finland was inspired by a desire to build himself up politically was abandoned. Some—not all, but some—of those engaged in this contemptible business seemed to feel ashamed about it and tried to make amends.

IN the past ten years Mr. Hoover has been subjected to more calculated misrepresentation than any man in the country, but this attack perhaps marks the extreme low in ignominy and cheapness. At his first move, a group of New Deal journalists burst into the silly cry that he was trying to

capture control of the Republican party through the relief road. There followed stories to the general effect that Mr. Hoover tried to take over control of the Red Cross; that he had not been asked to do anything for Finland; that he had pettishly refused an offer from Mr. Roosevelt to put him in charge of general relief activities because he couldn't do it his way, etc., etc.

CERTAIN members of the Administration contributed their share to this campaign and the chronic anti-Hoover chorus started to sing lustily. But the whole attempt collapsed against the facts and indignation was manifested by newspapers which could hardly be regarded as friendly to Mr. Hoover and yet were revolted at this particular form of smearing. The net result was to bring out more prominently the facts, which make Mr. Hoover's leadership in the Finnish relief movement particularly appealing.

ONE is that twenty years ago Mr. Hoover was one of the men chiefly

TULLYTOWN

Miss Helen Hertzler, Modena, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus King.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Walters, Jr., and daughter, Virginia, were Xmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fox, Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch and family were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McMann, Wallingford, N. J.

Mrs. Charles McTamney and son, Morrisville, were Friday visitors of the former's mother, Mrs. Catherine Slager.

Miss Margaret Tomlinson, Newtown, was a visitor at the home of Mrs. John Manning, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hirst, Ridgeway, N. J., are spending Sunday and Monday at the home of Mrs. Victoria Piroli.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Polella spent Sunday visiting relatives in Bristol. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cattani, Trenton, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Cutchneal, Sr.

Bernard Rohrer is a patient at Dr. Wagner's private hospital, Bristol, where he was operated upon Sunday for appendicitis.

FALLSINGTON

The Ladies' Aid of the Emile M. E. Church held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Harvey, with Mrs. Henry Lovett, vice-president, presiding. Guests from Fallsington were Mrs. Silas Roberts, Mrs. George B. Lynn, Mrs. John Drews, Mrs. Bennett Strait.

The annual meeting of the library board and community house will be held in the library room, on Friday evening, January 5th, at which time the election of officers will take place. The business meeting will be followed by a motion picture, staged in the hall on the second floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Greenlee entertained at cards for Miss Emma Cox, Mrs. Lavina Van Horn and William Richards.

Mrs. Nellie Reid, Ardmore, was a Wednesday visitor of the Misses Moon. Isaac Watson was the newly appointed janitor for the library and community house, and assistant janitor for the Falls Township school.

Mrs. Joseph Haines and son Joseph have been spending several days at Stroudsburg. Mrs. Haines, as Miss Morgan, was a member of the teaching staff of the Falls Township schools.

PLAYGROUND SPROUTS FROM MARSHY SECTION

Great Improvement Made In Athletic Field For Morrisville Pupils

GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT

MORRISVILLE, Dec. 26.—Because the school children attending the Capital View School got wet feet in the marshy, damp area alongside a creek near the school, it resulted in a fine athletic field recently completed here and which has attracted such favorable comment.

Supervising Principal Manohar R. Reiter suggested leveling off the spot with an idea of having a playground made.

When plans were being made to make this into a playground, along came John Gontar, one of the most popular Morrisville High instructors, with the idea to also put a track on

Mrs. E. Vasco Dawson Dies Suddenly in Germantown

Mrs. Anna B. Dawson, wife of Eddo Vasco Dawson, a former resident of Bristol Township, died suddenly at her home in Germantown yesterday.

The deceased, who was the daughter of William Crawford, Midway, had been in ill health, but her death came as a shock to her family.

Mrs. Dawson leaves, in addition to her father and husband, a daughter, Irma, Germantown; and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. John Kellert, Bristol Township; Mrs. William Wright, Mrs. Gohsen Coar, Bristol; Robert Crawford, Trenton, N. J.; William, of Edgely; Harry and Edward, of Midway; Alex and John, Bristol; Reynold, Langhorne.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday at two o'clock from the Ruehl Funeral Home, 314 Cedar street, with the Rev. J. Carpenter Zook, a pastor of Bristol Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be made in Bristol Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday evening.

HOLIDAY WEEK-END TAKES LONG TOLL OF INJURED

Resident of Delaware Involved in Crash, Had No Driver's License

PIEO NARROW ESCAPE

Holiday week-end accidents in Lower Bucks County took a toll of several injured, and considerable damage to automobiles, police records show.

One accident occurred Sunday at 3:45 a. m., at the intersection of the old Lincoln Highway and the superhighway, at Lincoln Point. The drivers of the two cars were Henry Jackson, 32, of 38 Prince street, Newark, N. J., and Henry Claggett, Jr., 27, Fulton, Del. The greater damage was done to the Jackson car, the total being about \$100, it is claimed by officer Golub, of Oxford Valley barracks, who investigated.

It is stated that Claggett stopped at

Elmer A. Schemley Takes Miss Emma Dunn As Bride

HULMEVILLE, Dec. 26.—A wedding performed Saturday evening at seven o'clock, united Miss Emma Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, Sr., Main street and Ford avenue, and Elmer A. Schemley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Schemley, Pennsylvania avenue. Justice of the peace D. H. Kromer, performed the ceremony at his home on the Lincoln highway.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bilger, Jr.

At a dinner following the ceremony the following were guests, in addition to the wedding party: Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, Jr., William Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Schemley, Miss Pearl Schemley, Hulmeville; Mr. and Mrs. Rene Beecher and children, Newportville.

Miss Ruth Erny Arranges Party For S. S. Class

NEWPORTVILLE, Dec. 26.—Miss Ruth Erny arranged a Christmas party for her Sunday School class, at her home on Thursday evening. Games were played, Frank Becker winning a prize. Prizes were also given to two boys for memorizing Bible verses throughout the year, Frank Everett and Edward Kohler. The boys presented Miss Erny with a gift.

Refreshments were served at a tastefully decorated table, a silver Christmas tree trimmed with red balls and red lights being in the center, and other decorations in keeping with the season. Each boy received a gift of a pen and pencil set. Those present: Harry Crawford, Julius Gehrmann, Edward Kohler, Ralph Hill, Harry Backhouse, Frank Everett, Frank Becker and Charles Bingenheimer.

TO REGISTER FOR NYA WORK

Youths between the ages of 18 to 25 from families needing financial aid who desire NYA part time employment are asked to register at the Bristol Community Center, 115 Franklin street, on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evenings, Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, from seven to nine o'clock in order to facilitate employment it is suggested that applicants bring notarized citizenship affidavits. Such an affidavit can be obtained free of charge at the DPA office, over the McCrory store, Mill and Wood streets.

PLAN A DANCE

Juniors of Bristol high school plan a Yuletide dance, for the evening of Friday, December 29th. It will take place in the high school auditorium.

PLAY PINOCCHLE

A card party held Saturday evening in the K. of C. home, was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Six tables of pinocchle players were arranged and prizes given. High scores were won by: J. Court, 747; C. Hearn, 742; L. Pecora, 737; Mrs. Margaret Murphy, 719; Gene Clotti, 708. Refreshments were served, James Flanagan was chairman of the party.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE

Unofficial reading at 7 a. m. 23

\$20,000 ESTATE IS LEFT A RESIDENT OF RICHLANDTOWN

Leidy F. Harpel, Well-Known County Merchant, Leaves Eight Bequests

THE LUFF ESTATE

Property of J. Everett Wright To Be Inherited By Family Members

DOYLESTOWN, Dec. 26.—Leidy F. Harpel, well-known Bucks county merchant, who died at his home in Richlandtown, left a personal estate of \$20,000 and real estate, including a house and lot, valued at \$5,000, according to his will probated in the Register of Mills' office here.

The testator, who died December 2, named a sister, Mrs. Margaret Aftlerback, Quakertown, and President Judge Hiram H. Keller, Doylestown, a nephew, the executors.

The will, which was executed February 18, this year, contained eight individual bequests as follows: Katie Forrester, \$2,000; John C. J. Harold, Raymond, Kenneth and Harry W. Hinkle, each \$500; Lewis E. Gerhart, \$500, and M. Alice Hinkle, \$250.

The residue will be inherited by his sister, Mrs. Margaret Aftlerback, Quakertown, who was bequeathed one-third; two nephews, President Judge Hiram H. Keller and Norman L. Keller, both of Doylestown, who were bequeathed one-ninth share; a niece, Miss Elsie H. Keller, of St. Petersburg, Fla., was bequeathed one-ninth, and Lizzie Hinkle, who was bequeathed one-third.

A bequest of \$300 for the Ivyland Presbyterian Church, and another of \$100 for the Union Cemetery Company, which was created in trust, were contained in the will of Harry K. Luff, Ivyland, who named J. Milton Luff executor.

Legion and Auxiliary Are Hosts To 175 Children

A visit of Santa Claus, entertainment by a company of dancers, refreshments and gifts of candy were the chief interests for 175 daughters and sons of members of Robert W. Bracken Post and Auxiliary, when the two groups staged a party

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SWEEPING THE OCEAN

One mystery of the present naval war has been cleared up—the discrepancy between the shipping tonnage sunk by the Germans and that destroyed by the British. Although Germany, as the attacker, would be expected to cause the greatest damage through her U-boats, mines and planes, the comparative ineffectiveness of British retaliation was hard to explain.

It now develops, however, that the scuttling of the Graf Spee and Columbus were not isolated examples of ship suicide but part of a Nazi policy which has been in effect for some time. It is disclosed that the Germans themselves have sunk more than 100,000 tons of their own shipping in order to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Allies. If this figure is added to what the British have already sunk or captured, the inequality dwindles materially.

Topping the list, of course, is the 22,000-ton liner Columbus, scuttled about 500 miles off the coast of New Jersey. But mere size is not what counts. The loss of the Spee means a reduction in the havoc German raiders can cause on the open sea. Her power for harm vanished as she sank in flames off Montevideo. Besides these two, ten other German vessels, ranging from 3,000 to 10,000 tons, have been sunk by their own crews.

As her active fleet of warships and merchantmen grows smaller, Germany must rely more than ever on her campaign of submarine, mine and plane. While the first two continue to destroy both Allied and neutral shipping, the most conspicuous thing at the moment is the stepping up of the airplane war, especially against such small craft as fishing boats and trawlers. Nazi planes now use machine guns to rake decks, bombs to sink the ships, and in case these fail, an aerial torpedo released during a dive.

This menace is as real as ever, but once the British fleet can sweep the ocean clear of enemy surface craft, as it seems to be doing in a big way right now, the Allies can concentrate on submarines and airplanes. John Bull's war machine slow in getting started, is being geared up more rapidly than many observers had realized.

MIND OVER MATTER

A professor at Duke University has been experimenting with clairvoyance and mental telepathy. He claims to have found certain people who "call the cards" with a degree of accuracy that simply cannot be attributed to mere chance.

Why not take some of these minds that can flit around at will and set them to forecasting the turn of the stock market?

Why not let the facile subjects disclose when the war will end?

Why, in short, confine the experiments to the turning of cards with mystic symbols.

Usually, when science develops a sound theory, it is turned to some practical advantage.

Let's hope that Duke professor is not immune to the utilitarian viewpoint. Many an American would like to get an ectoplasmic tip on the outcome of next year's presidential election.

You can be inconsistent and always sincere, or you can be always consistent with the help of hypocrisy.

ECHOES OF THE PAST

By Courier Staff Member

Review of the news as it appeared in the Bucks County Gazette issue dated at Bristol May 23, 1878. The Gazette, a weekly newspaper published in Bristol, was discontinued following its merger with the Courier.

The following items were culled from the columns of the Bucks County Gazette, issue of May 23, 1878:

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Newtown Banking Company was held Saturday, at which a large proportion of the stock was represented. Charles Walton was appointed chairman, and George A. Jenks, secretary. It was resolved that two assignees should be appointed to wind up the affairs of the concern, and Pierston Mitchell and Hugh B. Eastburn were elected by the stockholders.

Altogether, there have been about 17 salmon caught in the Delaware River by fishermen so far this season, one having been caught at Pennsville, by Samuel Armstrong, on Friday night last, which weighed 11½ pounds. The heaviest salmon caught this year weighed 24½ pounds, and was sold in Philadelphia on Saturday for \$12.50. The fishermen say they do not fish well and require great care to boat them.

Henry Rue and son started last Tuesday night for Wellsville, Ohio, to build a large fruit house for Nathan Hellings. It will be a larger one than that above Bristol, at Mr. Hellings' residence.

During the past week thousands of bean poles have been brought over the river by our Jersey friends, who are selling them to the truckers for \$10 per thousand.

John S. Ahlee, of Bristol, has gone to South Bend, Ind., with the intention of making that place his home.

Several former Bristolians are located there.

It is now stated that the "Richard Stockton" will be run to Cape May during the Summer season, in opposition to the "Republic" and "Key-Port."

Hulmeville expects to have a public library. An application is to be made to the court to obtain a charter to incorporate a company for that purpose.

It was a Buck county man who took his canal boat to Philadelphia and wanted to sell it to the Russian agents for a privateer.

The members of the Bristol Labor Reform Club have opened a reading room above Nathan Tyler's clothing store.

Quite a large delegation of Bristol Democrats went to Pittsburgh this week to attend the state convention.

John McGinley is building a new house on his farm in Bristol Township, between Laurel Bend and Bristol.

The hog factory is again being enlarged to meet the requirements of its increasing business.

Rogers Brothers are putting up a large drying and seed-house on their farm near Bristol.

The members of the Myrta Band, connected with the foreign missionary board of Dr. Burdett's Church,

Bridgewater, intend giving their second juvenile entertainment on Friday evening.

We take great pleasure in announcing that another manufacturing concern has completed arrangements to locate in Bristol, called the Rubberoid Company. A lease has been made of 20 acres of the farm of Augustus Knight, situated in the third ward, for the term of five years, with the privilege of buying at the expiration of that time. The goods manufactured by the firm are principally cotton waterproofs. The erection of the buildings will be begun at an early day, and Bristol will have one more manufacturing establishment.

POINT PLEASANT—Over 400 fine shad were caught at Greenbrier fishery on Monday, one of which weighed seven and a quarter pounds.

Wismer & Lear are erecting a large frame barn upon their property at Wismer.

On last Thursday afternoon, the residence of Edwin Wilson, on Walnut street, was entered by thieves during the absence of the family, and a quantity of silverware, jewelry, clothing, a pistol, etc., were taken.

The Great Game of Politics

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instrumental in creating the present Republic of Finland and in securing recognition of its independence. Publication of his remarkable letter written in Paris to President Wilson on that subject revealed an extraordinarily understanding and effective friendship for Finland. Another was the thrilling story of how, as Relief Administrator, after the Peace Conference, he came to the rescue of the Finns, then threatened with general starvation. A third is the fact that sixteen months ago when he visited Finland, the Govern-

ment and the people accorded him unprecedented honor, and that before he made a move this time he had received an appeal from friends in Finland, supplemented by the Prime Minister.

AS to the more or less mysterious overtures said to have been second-handly made by Mr. Roosevelt, weeks before the invasion of Finland, the comment of the weekly magazine, News Week, on that is as follows: "Few Administrations in American history ever went to greater lengths to smear a predecessor than this one. And the former President had every right to question the sincerity of a sudden peace gesture—particularly at a time when President Roosevelt was making considerable capital of the so-called national nonpartisan front."

IT is possible to dislike Mr. Hoover both personally and politically and still feel that the effort to impugn his motives and belittle the man in what he is now doing is as discreditable a performance as has been given for a long time. Fortunately, it has been dropped, and even more fortunately it seems not to have done the Finnish relief movement any harm. As for Mr. Hoover, apparently it did him good. The general reaction seems to indicate that the people are about fed up with the smearing game so long practiced against him.

"LIGHTED" WALKING STICK

LONDON — (INS) — W. Hamilton Martin, Hampstead, London, engineer, has perfected a walking stick which lights up when a wheel, fixed on the bottom of the stick, strikes an object or goes into a depression on the sidewalk. The light can also be operated by a small switch under the handle. The shock of the wheel striking any object is sufficient to cause a small light fitted on the shaft to act. Power is supplied by a small battery.

What Do You Know About Health?

By FISHER BROWN and NAT FALK



Answers: 1. Many persons are relatively immune to seasickness, particularly acrobats, tight-rope walkers, professional dancers and others whose occupations require considerable body balancing.
2. No. Bacteriologists have proved that saliva is not a germicide and does not kill bacteria in the mouth.
3. During the first half of the 19th

century he introduced into Germany the scientific methods of the French and English. His clinic was the first to make use of the physical aids auscultation and percussion diagnosis. The microscope and chemical reagents were used freely to supplement bedside examinations. His researches extended far into the history and spread of disease.

ENEMIES LIVE IN HARMONY

WAYNESBURG, Pa. — (INS) — Natural enemies occupied the same stall at the Pennsylvania State Fox Hunting Association bench show and field trial here. Four fox hounds and a fox managed to keep peace in the stall. The fox was trained to live with the

hounds in harmony, according to Frank Higgins, of Waynesburg, owner of the animals.

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CHAPTER XVI

Following Lola's statement that she had always dreamed of Douglas coming back, he asked, "But now that the man who has come back is different from the picture you had of him, are you sure it is not the picture you love instead of this strange creature that people laugh at and call—futile?"

"Who can answer such a question? I only know I have not thought of anyone but you."

"Not even Paul Bodine?"

The dark eyes widened. "While you were away he was the most interesting man in all this country. He helped the hours to pass, telling me of places he had been, people he had talked to—people one reads about but never sees out here. And besides, he is a great painter."

"He is fortunate in having you as a model."

Uncertain of what might lie behind her cousin's words, Lola looked a little fearfully up at him, then hurried on. "But it is not of Bodine we are talking, dear. It is of you. Couldn't you, for my sake, try to be a little more like—the rest of the men here?"

"Like Bodine?"

Swept by sudden anger at his cousin's words, she burst out at him, "Yes, like Bodine, if you must always bring me back to him. At least he does not wear black glasses or ride horses that are cattle, or carry always a silly camera beneath his arm. You might do worse than be like Paul Bodine—I would not have to be ashamed then because of you."

In stormy anger the girl tore her hands from his. A moment later he heard her running up the stairs and a door slammed at the end of the hall.

Douglas made no move to follow. The silence of the patio deepened, and a feeling of intolerable weariness held him brooding. Was it for this he had returned? A wave of bitter rebellion surged over him at the changed world he had come back to. Even to live he had to wear a mask against those who loved him—to be ever on guard, to play a part, to trust no one, and sitting there in the silence it came over him that he was an alien in this, his home—an alien, mocked at, threatened and distrusted amid changed times.

In the half light of the patio Douglas' face seemed older, and the straight line between his brows grew deeper. "Futile"—frowning, he remembered the word Alison Neale had used. Well, perhaps she was right. He had been back more than a month now, and what was accomplished?

Suddenly he straightened. With the force of unwelcome revelation he realized that one thing alone lay behind this attitude of dejection—Alison Neale had lied. Well, what of that? What difference did it make to him—one enemy more or less?

Impetuously he rose. Enough of that—ahead lay work to do.

A light hand touched his shoulder, and Lola's eyes, bright with tears, looked up at him.

"I did not mean what I said," the repentant voice was almost a whisper. "I do love you—you believe that, don't you, Juan?"

Stooping, he kissed her wet lips. "It would be easy to believe whatever you said, littlest." His arm about her, he led her to the stairs.

Lola was just finishing breakfast when he came into the dining room next morning, and as their eyes met a sense of constraint rose like an unseen barrier between them, but by tacit consent they made no mention of the night before.

Seeing her in riding costume, Douglas asked, "Where away so early?"

"To Alison Neale's."

"And then?"

In spite of herself her cheeks colored.

ored. "We are riding over to Paul Bodine's." A little defiantly she added, "Won't you come along?"

His eyes were smiling in the way she disliked, and to her surprise he answered, "Nothing would please me more." At once he sent a peon boy to saddle his horse, choosing with ironic malice the sedate little mare his aunt sometimes rode, and a half hour later they were trotting down the road toward the border.

They found Alison in overalls, hard at work in her garden.

Without rising from her knees, she pointed accusingly at a dozen disfiguring burrows made by gophers in the midst of her garden plot.

"Of all our underground workers, which are worst—Brotherhood or gophers?" she lamented. Then seeing Douglas, bespectacled and clinging to his beloved camera, that half mocking smile touched her lips.

"The master of Miracle Mesa rides early."

"The temptation to visit so delightful a hostess finally became irresistible," he answered lazily, and slid gingerly from his horse. "Besides, this ranch and garden—they are so lovely. May I take it picture? No, do not move. You too I want, just as you are."

"There. This will make my day worth while."

The sound of a slipped foot shuffled from the porch, and with a little start Douglas saw standing in the doorway the same thick-set Chinaman who had hassled him at Record's ranger station. Paying no attention to the others, the man approached Alison.

"Missee Neale have lunch home." The face was wreathed in smiles.

"Not to-day, Lin," the girl answered, then to Douglas she added, "This is Lin Foo, the best cook on the border."

In a high, thin voice the Chinese laughed and bowed, both hands tucked within his broad sleeves.

Through a second's silence both men watched each other, then Douglas drew from his pocket a small object.

"I have always wanted to ask someone who knew just what this carving meant," and stepping forward he held before the man's face the jade stone that had been left beside Baker's body by the Yellow Killer.

Lin Foo's features never changed. Only his slant eyes gathered a look of growing interest as he turned the stone in his huge hand. "It is what in my language we call *amo tou yin*," he answered, "the bird with head like a cat. It means death." Still smiling, he shuffled into the house, leaving Douglas looking curiously after him.

Alison's eyes were on Douglas. "Are you trying to connect my devoted cook with the Yellow Killer?"

"I only wanted to be sure it was really a Chinese symbol," he answered, and looking at his watch, climbed hurriedly back into the saddle.

"I promised to meet Sam Record down at the dam," and he swept his sombrero low before the two girls. "So with your permission—"

Lola called after him, "Bring Sam along if you still want to go to Paul's with us."

"Ah, as if I could miss seeing the great man again!"

He kept his word, and two hours later the four riders cantered over the sagebrush toward Paul Bodine's, but once at Douglas' gesture the ranger dropped back behind the two girls.

"I have been thinking about our friend Bodine," Douglas began. "Lola tells me he does not seem greatly impressed with me."

Sam grinned. "That's just what you want, isn't it?"

"But there is such a thing as succeeding too well. Last night he came to the hacienda and tried to buy my water rights for some new process of ore extraction out at the mine. I believe he thinks I'm too much of an imbecile to realize that without

the water I couldn't support a hundred head of cattle."

"You refused, of course."

"What else? Then he made a mild threat or two." Douglas looped the reins over his saddle horn. "I'm getting a little fed up with Paul Bodine. I find I grow tired of his sneering."

Record looked searchingly into his friend's eyes. "That's kind of sudden. Sure you're not on the pro because Bodine's fond of your little Lola?"

"What a remarkable detective you might have made," Douglas jeered, but his color had heightened, and he added, "You know, it might be instructive to make our artist friend lose his temper."

"Bodine keeps his temper under pretty good control. How would you go about it?"

"I haven't the least idea. What is his most vulnerable side—his paintings?"

Record thought for a while. "I'd say his pride in that killer of a stallion he calls Coronado—for a piece of fine horseflesh there's nothing to compare with him in all the border. Personally I wouldn't have him for a gift. That stallion has already killed one rider, and although Bodine's a master horseman, he is afraid to ride the brute."

Douglas smiled. "Good. We will talk to Bodine of horses."

But there was something in his eyes that disturbed the ranger. "Jack, for heaven's sake don't play with fire."

"Why not—a spark or two shouldn't hurt us." He spurred ahead to prevent further objection, and for some reason his mood was gay as he rode since his return.

It was midafternoon when they rode up the steep pathway to the castle, and Bodine, perfect host as always, awaited them with cigarettes and iced drinks. He may have been surprised to see Douglas and Record, but he only said, "A double honor. It is not often I welcome either of you to my casa."

For an hour they sat on that cool shaded edge of the cliff, shielded from the afternoon sun, talking and smoking while Douglas' eyes, observing behind his black glasses, watched them all with an interest his immobile face gave no hint of.

And at last during a lull in the talk Douglas turned to Bodine.

"As I ride about the valley, always I hear men speak of that magnificent horse of yours, Coronado. Is it that I may see him?"

Eagerly Lola jumped to her feet. "Show him Coronado, Paul. And if he tells us they have better horses in Spain, I'll disown him."

"Showing off Coronado is a besetting sin with me. My other sin was buying him," Bodine answered. "One should never try to reconcile expensive tastes and an artist's income."

He led his guests to the back of the castle and across a grassy enclosure to a long, immaculately kept stable.

"Here," he said, "is Coronado—king of horses."

Douglas took a step forward and instantly forgot all else at sight of the superb animal before him. A tall roan stallion, a pure-blood Arab whose perfection would have made him envied among any equine company in the world.

"Never in all my life," he said, "never have I seen his equal."

But while he spoke a curious thing happened. Bodine had walked to the edge of the stall and as he raised his hands to touch the stallion's head a shiver ran through the animal's body. Both ears flattened in the danger signal of savage ferocity, and two bloodshot eyes glared wildly down in mute hatred, but apparently indifferent to the horse's actions, Bodine turned to his guests.

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CHAPTER XVII

"Am I wrong in being proud of Coronado?" Bodine asked.

Moving forward, Douglas appraised the arched neck, the clean-cut flanks, and the eyes that still held a lurking fire.

"Dios," he marveled, "but I should love to ride him."

Bodine laughed outright, and something all too obvious in that laugh brought a flush to Douglas' face.

"No doubt you would," the artist answered, "but it happens there are not two men in all the border who can ride him. This Coronado of mine is a devil. It took me weeks before I was able to get a cinch under his belly."

Douglas examined the stallion again, leaning down to peer between the bars of the stall. Rising, he shook his head.

"Yes, a superb animal, but galled behind the left shoulder. Too tight a cinch." He sighed. "Here in America spirited horses are wasted. Now in Spain—"

"In Spain," Bodine was swiftly losing his good nature, "in Spain I daresay you would ride him bareback."

Douglas wagged an admonitory finger. You may be a great painter, my friend, but in matters of horseflesh you must come to us rancheros. Yes, I should certainly love to ride him.

Nothing could be better calculated to touch Bodine on the raw than a reflection upon his knowledge of horses.

And indeed the suavity had faded from the artist's voice. "Almost you tempt me, Jack Douglas."

"Tempt you?"

"To let you mount this man-killer of mine and get your aristocratic ears filled with coral dust."

Before Douglas could answer, Lola had grasped him by the arm. "Do not do this thing, foolish one—it is madness." Angriously she flared up at Bodine. "You should not tempt him, Paul. I have not forgotten how your vaquero was trampled by this killer of yours. I will not let my cousin even try."

"You alarm yourself unnecessarily, Lola. There is no real danger of injury to your cousin." In growing anger at Douglas' words, Bodine felt an irresistible desire to humble this bespectacled faddish talker with such assurance yet rode only the quietest and gentlest of horses. But Douglas was quietly polishing his glasses.

"My cousin does not approve. Let us talk no more about it." He saw Alison's pitying smile, saw Lola bite her lips in mortification, and heard again that ring of patronizing laughter from Bodine, then as if in afterthought he asked, "Do you ride him yourself?"

"He is kept for breeding. No one has ridden Coronado in the past year."

Douglas' eyebrows raised. "But conceive of owning a horse you were afraid to ride."

Deeper than any lash those accents of derisive wonder bit into Bodine. Uncontrollably his face thrust forward and he tapped Douglas on the chest.

"Jack Douglas, I will do something I have never done before." The artist's voice was thick with anger. "I offer you this—ride Coronado, and he belongs to you."

There was an instant silence, as if already Bodine regretted the rashness of his gesture, while all eyes turned toward Douglas.

Very slowly he put on his glasses, and in leisurely deliberation once more examined those clean-molded legs and deep, full chest.

"You offer me Coronado? Bueno. I accept. But I must not be outdone in generosity, amigo. If I fail to ride this stallion of yours, you

shall choose any five of the best of my own horses."

Fearfully Lola protested. "Jack—"

His upraised hand silenced her. "It is so difficult to please this little cousin of mine. Only yesterday she lectured me because I do not ride enough. Lead your stallion into the corral."

Hastily, as if impatient for the sunlight, the huge horse stepped out from his stall, walking with a fastidious lightness that brought a thrill of pleasure to Douglas' heart, while in uneasy silence the rest of the group followed to the corral, where Douglas and the stable boy alone entered the circular enclosure.

Through the bars of the corral Douglas handed Alison his camera. "If you would hold this for me, please?"

She took it, her puzzled eyes on his, and without another word the man turned to face his huge antagonist.

Head erect, nostrils distended, the stallion seemed to be waiting. Beneath its shining coat Douglas could see the play of powerful muscles, as he knew that master horseman as he was the task before him would be no easy one.

He stepped forward and while the peon held the animal's head, he climbed clumsily into the saddle, then looked uncertainly about him until Bodine smiled in open relief—no one who sat a horse as he did could hope to ride Coronado.

"That solemn owl will not keep his glasses long," the little man murmured to Alison, then called to the peon, "Let go his head."

Instantly the servant darted back and clambered to the topmost bar of the corral—the arena was free at last to those two wary adversaries.

Both were absolutely immobile now, poised as if taking each other's measure.

Then without warning, without a sound, the battle was over. The animal reared upright on hind legs the animal reared until it stood towering above the corral, pawing the air with its forefeet while the saddle leather creaked with the tension and Douglas' feet clamped downward in the stirrups. Superbly confident, the great brute balanced there, then whirled, sending the rider's hat spinning to the dust, and gathering himself, he leaped three times, landing with stiff forelegs, jarring the very earth with the impact, jerking Douglas' head forward beneath those smashing blows.

Both girls had turned their faces away, and from his perch the Mexican servant muttered beneath his breath, "Dios, no one can stand that long." But Bodine's eyes never w

PENN-JERSEY CIRCUIT SELECTS DATES FOR SEASON'S RACES

Meeting Held at The Home of
Gage B. Ellis, Lang-
horne

RAISE ALL THE PURSES

Races To Be Held at Lang-
horne May 30th and
June 1st

LANGHORNE, Dec. 26.—At a recent meeting held here at the home of Gage B. Ellis, master of the Village Farm, the Penn-Jersey Harness Horse Circuit officials announced their plans for the 1940 chain of early race meetings consisting of six tracks, all of which were members in 1939, promoting 10 races. The dates set for Langhorne are May 30 and June 1.

Of utmost importance to horsemen was the decision to raise all the purses to \$400 and charge five percent to enter. Classes decided upon for 1940, and it is hoped these classes will stand in future years, are: 22 Class trot, 22 Class pace, 17 Class trot, 17 Class pace, 12 Class trot, 12 Class pace, and four colt events for two- and three-year-old trotters and pacers.

It was decided that the two-year old events would be limited to two heats and in case of a tie, the colt winning the fastest heat would get the trophy. These races will be conducted on a straight \$200 a heat basis and colts must start both heats unless excused by the judges. Contests for three-year-olds will be limited to three heats, and the colt standing best in the summary at the conclusion of the third heat would be declared the winner. Curtailing the number of heats in the colt events was done to eliminate extra heats which prove hard on colts at the beginning of the racing season.

The first payment for all events will be a two percent fee due March 18 and a similar payment due April 18 and one percent the day before the race. It was firmly announced that no entries would be accepted unless accompanied with a check for the entrance fee due. Should more than one horse from the same stable be entered in the same class, the additional horse or horses may be named with a two percent fee and be eligible to race without further payment until the day before the race.

It was decided that all tracks would use the regular method of scoring and no barrier of any type would be employed. The choice of starters and judges will be left up to the individual meetings.

Gage B. Ellis and Major E. B. Allen, Flemington, N. J., were re-elected president and vice-president, respectively. A. E. Leatherman, Philadelphia, was chosen circuit secretary to issue entry blanks and get entries. All entries are to be sent to the individual tracks.

The dates decided upon are: The Village Farm, Langhorne, May 30 and June 1; Haines Park, York, Pa., June 7 and 8; Hanover, Pa., June 14 and 15; Williams Grove, Dillsburg, Pa., June 21 and 22; Clarks Summit, Scranton, Pa., June 28, 29 and 30; Flemington, July 4 and 5.

PROFY TEAM MEETS TEST IN GAME TONIGHT

The Profy team, with four straight wins, will meet its test tonight on the Italian Mutual Aid floor when it lines up against the Rohm and Haas team in the second game scheduled. In the opener, the Celtics face the Grundy team.

The radiomen must beat the chemical workers to remain in a deadlock for first place as the Grundy team appears to be a certain winner over the Celtics. But Captain Johnny Slaven will be missing from the Profy line-up and his loss will be greatly felt.

With Slaven out, Manager Grimes will depend on Charlie Hughes, Tom Profy, Gus Carnvale, Ray Dorsey and Dick Lukens to pull the team through. Rohm and Haas, who were beaten in their last start will have Johnny Cole, Joe Roe, Johnny Dougherty, Sam Smith and Ralph Cahill in its beginning line-up.

The last place Celtics appear weak against the fast-going Grundy team who smothered the Falls Alumni five last week.

First game is scheduled to take place at eight o'clock.

COLLEGE TEAMS PLAYED GOOD FOOTBALL IN 1939

(Editor's Note: Herewith is the first of a series of articles by nationally-known sports authorities reviewing the 1939 season and looking ahead to 1940. Today, Lou Little on football.)

By Lou Little
(Head Coach, Columbia University)
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(INS)—It has usually been true that one football season has pointed the way, has indicated the trend of the season to follow. Important changes in football usually do not come over night, without warning.

So, looking toward the season of 1940 from the vantage point of the waning weeks of the 1939 campaign, it is possible to foreshadow some things with more or less assurance.

This season saw football played by the good college teams which was better football than has ever been played before. That was true both as regards tactics and execution. There were, without question, more strong teams, well equipped with the most versatile and soundly based attacks, than the game has ever seen.

While it is still true that no one

They Figure in News as Chicago Drops Football



Clark Shaughnessy



A. A. Stagg



Dr. R. Hutchins

News that the University of Chicago is dropping intercollegiate football pushes these three men into the sports news. Clark Shaughnessy, the Maroon coach, will lose his football job. Amos Alonzo Stagg is the man who "made" football at Chicago, having been coach there for 41 years prior to

Shaughnessy's appointment. Dr. Robert Hutchins, president of the university and an ardent foe of overemphasized football, issued a statement: "The university believes that particular interests and conditions are such that its students now derive no special benefit from intercollegiate football."

section of the country can claim exclusive ownership of the best football, it must be admitted that the South appeared to have some advantage this year. It is not at all certain that the South boasted the strongest team in the country but there is some basis for the idea that the South had more strong teams than any other section.

However, there is no certainty that this will be true another year. In fact, there are indications that the pendulum may swing back to the East in 1940, with such teams as Cornell, Princeton, Fordham, Pennsylvania, Boston College and Holy Cross, among others, promising a great deal for the coming campaign.

Cornell, undefeated and untied during the season just closed, looks even stronger for 1940. Princeton, defeated only by Cornell in early October, will be appreciably stronger and may be one of the teams of the year. Fordham was a truly fine eleven in the last six weeks of this campaign, as was once-beaten Boston College. So, while such great eleven as Tennessee, Tulane, Texas A. and M., Duke and others may have given the South the edge this year, there is no certainty that that edge will remain below the Mason and Dixon Line in 1940.

More important than any sectional differences, however, is the fact that the stage seems set in 1940 for further development of the great offensive and defensive possibilities which today's football affords.

College football in 1940 should be more than ever a delight to watch and a thrilling game to play. The attack has now reached a point where a touchdown is impossible on virtually every play in the game.

The last three or four years have seen marked development in defensive tactics, true. There is almost as much chance for generalship on the defense now as on the attack.

There remains the question of what changes, if any, will be made in the rules for next season. Major changes are unlikely because of the excellent present balance of the game. It is possible that an attempt will be made to encourage field-goal kicking without, however, bringing the posts back to the goal-line where, it has been shown, they hamper the attacking team. Two or three other changes may be discussed, including the dead-ball rule. The suggestion has come up once more that the forward pass be permitted anywhere behind the line of scrimmage. This would probably not make a great change, save in facilitating handling of the ball behind the line of spins and reverses and in increasing the deception possible on wide end runs where the pass would be optional and could be made closer than five yards behind the scrimmage line.

Those things are up to the football rules committee. Certainly the sentiment of football men everywhere seems to be that no basic change in the game is necessary or wise.

Finns Invade Russia After Russian Raids

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casualties. Some 20 persons were believed to have been killed, nine of them at Borgia.

Finnish pursuit planes and the accurate firing of the anti-aircraft guns were reported to have shot down at least 10 Russian planes.

TORRESDALE MANOR

Thomas Kitchenman attended a banquet of the Draftsmans Association of America held at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J., Thursday evening.

Useful handicraft articles have been turned out by younger folks here. On Saturday afternoons the Little ones have been gathering at the home of Harry Pederson, where a work shop has been set up, and they learn to use tools under guidance of Maris Pederson.

The Ladies Tuesday Evening Club held a party at the home of Mrs. William Harris last week. Instead of the usual prizes for high scores, each took a gift and exchanged. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Otto Kleihelm pleased with piano selections.

The monthly meeting of the Torresdale Manor Improvement Association

occurred at the home of Charles V. Wenner, Thursday evening, with President Vickers presiding. It was decided that collection of dues be continued. The next meeting will be held at the home of John James on January 11th. Harry Hornich has secured a position with Rohm & Haas Company, Bristol.

\$20,000 Estate is Left A Resident of Richlandtown

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The \$10,000 personal and \$3,000 real estate holdings of J. Everett Wright, Yardley, will be inherited by various members of the family. Willard W. Wright, Yardley, R. D. No. 1, and the First National Bank of Newtown, were named executors. The real estate consists of two properties in Yardley, and a lot in Lower Makefield township.

A son, Willard W., and two daughters, Carrie W. Wert and Florence W. Moore, were each bequeathed \$10,000. The Newtown Cemetery Association was bequeathed \$100. A lot in the cemetery was bequeathed to Willard W. Wright.

A grandson, J. Everett Wright, will inherit a watch, a watch chain, and gold ring.

The silverware will be inherited by three children.

The will, which was executed September 12, 1934, directed that the residue be inherited by the three children.

William B. Mitchener, who was the Street Commissioner for the borough of Doylestown at the time of his death, November 12, left a personal estate of \$300 and real estate at 219 West Court street. A daughter, Miss Mary Michener, was granted the letters of administration. There are three heirs, two daughters, Marion Michener, of this place; Marie M. Helmerman, Newtown, and a son, Harold Michener, of Lansdale.

In the estate of Frederick Nash, of Southampton township, letters of administration were granted to Elizabeth Nash, Feasterville, amounting to a personal estate of \$2,000. The heirs include the widow, and a half-sister, Mary N. Layman, 306 Easton Road, Willow Grove.

Holiday Week-End Takes Long Toll of Injured

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the "stop" sign, as he was driving west on the old Lincoln Highway, and that Jackson struck his car from the rear. No one was injured, Jackson was arrested on a charge of operating a car without a driver's license, and also of reckless driving.

On Sunday evening at 8:15, in a one-car accident on the Lincoln Highway, east of South Langhorne, Miss Effie Hinton, 21, of 42 Glenridge Parkway, Glenridge, N. J., suffered a fracture of the upper left arm, and contusions of the right leg. She was a passenger in a car being operated west on the highway, by Blanton Martin, 32, of Ridge street, Newark, N. J. The young woman was treated at the Parkland first aid station of Bucks County Rescue Squad, and referred to her own physician. The accident is said to have taken place when Martin lost control of the car on a curve, and struck a sign and an abutment. The car was damaged to the extent of \$100.

An early morning accident, Christmas Day at 5:45, marred the holiday for four people who were hurt at Newtown.

The injured are: Samuel Wiggins, 21, Newtown, abrasions of the right knee; Milton Billerbeck, abrasions of the scalp; his wife, Mrs. Irma Billerbeck, deep lacerations of the scalp and sprained back; Mrs. George J. Long, abrasions of both knees.

The cars operated by Samuel Wiggins, and George J. Long, aged 54, of 3506 Vista street, Philadelphia, crashed at the intersection of Routes 632 and 113, in Newtown. Each car was damaged to the extent of about \$250. Billerbeck and his wife and Mrs. Long were riding in the car operated by Mr. Long. Long was travelling south on Sycamore avenue, and preparing to make a left turn, it is said, when Wiggins, travelling north on

Sycamore, collided with him.

The injured were treated by a Newtown physician. Officer Gollub investigated.

Four students from Pennsylvania State College, including a resident of Bristol, one from Edgely, and two from New York City, are counting themselves extremely fortunate, in escaping death or serious injury in an accident while returning to their homes for the holidays. The car, going into a skid three miles west of Lancaster, struck a mail box, crashed through a fence, up-rooted a tree, and turned over as it rolled down a small embankment. So greatly damaged was the machine that the owner, a New York city youth, sold it for \$5.

The Bristolian who escaped injury is Roman Pieo, 432 Jefferson avenue; while the Edgely student, Wilbur VanLenten, was injured slightly. He had a cut under his right eye, which required six stitches; and also numerous bruises. After treatment in St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, he and the other three proceeded home by bus. Two from New York sustained minor cuts.

When the car landed on its side after turning over 1½ times, and the four surveyed the wreck, it was found that all glass in the machine was broken. Pieo is well-known to Bristol residents for his rope-climbing ability, which brought him fame in educational circles during his student days in Bristol high school.

Time Now Favorable To Small Industries

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dustries to establish and expand. In many instances the disappearance of imported products upon which North and South America relied will necessitate development of substitute sources of supply—and in some cases, of substitute products.

"The conversion of the manufacturing facilities of European nations to war goods offers the opportunity for Pennsylvania to develop many peace-time industries which can promote lasting prosperity.

"There also are many fields in which industrial research can develop new products and new uses for our raw materials, both mineral and agricultural. Pennsylvania's coal fields and mineral deposits contain huge reservoirs of material which already are being converted to new uses. Our rich farming lands are capable of producing vegetable products which, in addition to supplying adequate quantities of food, can also furnish the materials for new manufactured products.

"Many of these new products can be developed and marketed successfully by industries which start as neighborhood enterprises. They present unusual opportunities for our alert young people who are quick to sense the uses and value of something new.

"The program of the Department of Commerce to promote a new era of industrial progress in Pennsylvania is not limited to efforts to induce industries to move into the State or establish branches here. There are 'acres of diamonds' right here in Pennsylvania if we develop new industries of our own."

Playground Sprouts From Marshy Section

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the field. But a track necessitated more room, so more room it was. The school board purchased more land, and with its own property and the newly-purchased acreage it had enough to go ahead with a real athletic layout.

Principal Reiter's first thought on the improvement was in 1934, but it was not until March, 1937, that a WPA project was begun. In all three projects were needed to complete the field, costing an estimated total of \$76,000, and being a tribute to school authorities, students and citizens.

Federal funds expended on the seven acres, now all enclosed by fence, amounted to \$52,000; the school district paid \$8,000; contributions of citizens and friends of the school amount-

ed to \$12,500, and \$3,500 paid for the increased ground needed.

To give any one organization credit for the field would be useless, and practically everyone contacted contributed in one way or another. The fence committee, under Chairman Alvin R. Pratt, raised over \$4,000. Borough organizations contributed the flag, flagpole, the plumbing labor, cable, broken tile, shrubbery, honeysuckle, top soil and numerous other items. The huge grandstand, recently completed, is also being paid for by donations. The field now is completed, aside from a final surface to the track, the planting of shrubbery along West Hendrickson avenue fence, and the seeding of the lower level field.

Once a mere marsh, with dense brush and swamps, the layout now does credit to Morrisville, and especially to Gontar, through whose untiring efforts the field looks like it does. A graduate of West Chester College, Gontar also took engineering work at Drexel Tech, which came in mighty handy here. Gontar drew plans for Robert Morris Field, did all the surveying and pointing work, and even spent last Summer here so that it might be completed a bit faster. His price for spending so much time on the project? Only the appreciation of Morrisville, for Gontar worked voluntarily and without pay.

The field now has a grandstand seating about 1,200 persons; a beautiful track, baseball and football layout; three ticket booths; refreshment stand; rest rooms, and everything necessary to a field of its type. Built on two levels, the upper is used for football and the main attractions; the lower, for hockey, practice drills in football, etc.

Assisting in the work on behalf of the school board were William O'Neill, chairman of the building and ground committee, and Joseph Heenan, and Paul Taylor and Pratt of the athletic and health committee.

After the shrubbery is completely planted around the fence, Reiter says the next aim is the installation of a lighting system and more stands.

Highway Dep't To Keep Roads Open

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of less than three years of age. Laboratory and engineering tests have shown that chemicals should not be used on the newer concrete roads and for that reason cinders treated with sodium or calcium will not be used on concrete pavement under three years.

The snow removal program for the coming winter includes 13,217 miles on the primary system and 4,988 miles of rural highways. Any improved section of road not included on the program which is blocked by snow will be opened for at least one-way traffic.

ON THE SCREENS

GRAND THEATRE
"Kid Nightingale" scored a knock-out at the Grand Theatre yesterday, but it wasn't done with fists. The weapons were hilarious situations, acted by expert comedians.

After the first round (or reel, to be more specific), the audience was just a pushover for this new comedy about a singing prize-fighter that features John Payne and Jane Wymann with Walter Catlett, Ed Brophy, Charles D. Brown, Harry Burns and William Haade as their chief fun-making assistants.

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Sord's 1939 Sports Parade



and radio fans who look to Bob Hope for the ultra in gag comedy can prepare to laugh—and to be thrilled—when his new starring picture, "The Cat and the Canary," is presented by Paramount for the last time today at the Bristol Theatre for the first time locally.

And, in the bargain, they can make ready to see Bob indulge in plenty of romancing with one of the loveliest leading ladies (his gorgeous co-star, Paulette Goddard) ever to evade a menacing hand (the hand of "The Cat" in this case, naturally).

RITZ THEATRE
Ann Sothern gave not wisely but too well for her art, and precipitated a near-panic while making "Fast and Furious," new mystery comedy in which she is featured with Franchot Tone at the Ritz Theatre. In a comedy sequence she was called on to his-

cough. "But I don't know how," she protested. John Miljan, who gives a perfect imitation, volunteered to teach her.

A "veteran" at the age of 13! This is the strange case of Dickie Moore who has been steadily employed in Hollywood since before the movies learned to talk. The bigger Dickie grew, the bigger grew his roles. Now, he's playing one of the most important roles of his career, that of Jack Holt's loyally steadfast son in "Hidden Power" at the Ritz Theatre.

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